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In re Application of  
Kasai, et al.  
Application No. 09/514,312  
Filed: February 28, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. 31671-157328RK

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 2, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-cited application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed March 22, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. On September 21, 2001, petitioner filed a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") along with a request for an extension of time within the third month. On October 25, 2001, a notice was mailed to petitioner indicating that the RCE was improper and would not be entered because no amendment was filed with the RCE. No further responses were received within the allowable period. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on September 23, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 5, 2001.

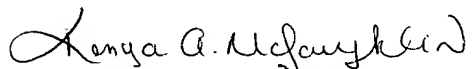
The RCE, first filed September 21, 2001, is accepted as the reply in conjunction with the preliminary amendment filed January 2, 2002.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for further processing.

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